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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *July 12 2001*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**.   2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-44* is/are pending in the application.

    4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-44* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a)☐ All   b)☐ Some *   c)☐ None of:

    1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

    2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

    3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1)☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2)☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3)☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4)☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5)☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6)☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1.   This action is responsive to the application filed on July 12, 2001. Claims 1-44

are pending examination. Claims 1-44 represent system and method for providing user

information from a user device.

Specification

2.   The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: page 14 line

3 and line 5, page 19 line 18 and page 21 line 17 figure details are not referred

correctly.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3.   The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that

form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
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> (e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act

of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical

Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting

directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000.

Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior

to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

4.   Claims 1-2, 4-8, 10-22, 24-28, 30-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as

being unpatentable over Faris et al. US Patent No. 6,659,861.

Faris teaches the invention as claimed including an internet-based system for

enabling a time-constrained collaboration between participants (see abstract).

As to claim 1, Faris teaches a system for providing event content to a system

user (figures 1 and 10), comprising:

an event server configured to manage said event content, said event server

providing a restricted access to said event content over an electronic network (figure 1

and column 14 lines 51-58 and column 15 lines 4-13, wherein Faris discloses primary

server which provides restricted access and primary server is read as event server);

and

a user device configured to communicate with said event server over said

electronic network by performing a wireless communications procedure (figure 1 and

figure 10, column 14 lines 51-58 and column 46 lines 5-25, wherein Faris discloses

plurality of clients machines, which can be a wireless devices that performs wireless

Internet accessing, are configured to communicate with the server; and a client machine

is read as a user device), said user device initially providing at least one profile to said

event sever, said event server responsively utilizing said at least one profile for

associating said system user with a user community to thereby optimally provide said

event content to said user device (column 22 lines 6-25, column 16 lines 27-37,

wherein contestants ' answers are read as profiles and a group of all registered

contestants is read as a user community).

As to claim 2, Faris teaches an event content includes restricted information that

is related to at least one of said user community, a specified event, an event location,

and one or more participants in said specified event (column 20 lines 11-15, wherein

contestants perform login before they can access to the appropriate games), and

wherein said user device is implemented as at least one of a personal digital assistant

device, a cellular telephone device, a computer device, and a portable wireless

telecommunications device (figure 10 and column 46 lines 5-25, wherein a user device

can be implemented as a wireless).

As to claim 4, Faris teaches a user device includes a processor, a display, a

device memory, a sound module, one or more user interfaces, and input/output

interfaces, said input/output interfaces including a wireless communication interface, a

network interface, and a removable memory interface, said device memory including

application software, an operating system, device content information, user data

including said at least one profile, a login/configuration module, a download module for

updating said application software, a profile module for managing said at least one

profile, an access rights module, video streaming support services, a metadata module

for managing ancillary data related to a particular event, and a community module for

communicating with various community services on said event server, said profile

module including a profile creator for creating and editing said at least one profile, a

profile selector for choosing said at least one profile to be sent to said event server, and

a profile analyzer for accessing and analyzing multiple profiles from other system users

in said electronic network (figure 2D and figure 10, column 19 lines 24-62 and column

46 lines 5-25).

As to claim 5, Faris teaches a user device creates and locally stores user data

related to said system user for sending to said event server to facilitate optimally

providing said event content, said user data including said at least one profile, and at

least one of event location information, and access rights (column 22 lines 7-34).

As to claim 6, Faris teaches an event server includes a processor, a display, a

server memory, one or more user interfaces, and input/output interfaces, said server

memory including application software, an operating system, server content information,

users information including users profiles for multiply system users of multiple user

devices in said electronic network, a login/configuration manager, an upload module for

updating device application software, a profile manager for managing said users

profiles, an access rights manager for managing said restricted access to said event

content, a video streaming manager, a metadata manager, a community manager for

managing community services related to said user community, and a community

database containing community information related to said user community (column 18

lines 19-67)

As to claim 7, Faris teaches at least one profile comprises a real user profile that includes authentic information related to said system user, said user device enforcing a strict security protocol to protect said real user profile, said strict security protocol including an encryption procedure to encrypt said real user profile prior to transmitting said real user profile to said event server (figure 3D, column 10 line 65- column 11 line 1, wherein data including encrypted contestant login request is sent from client machine to the server).

As to claim 8, Faris teaches at least one profile comprises a device profile that includes configuration and functionality information for said user device, said device profile being automatically maintained and updated by said user device (column 22 lines 15-22, wherein contestants provide client machines ' information and this information may be recorded on the client machines and client machine is read as user device and client machines' information is read as device profile that includes configuration and functionality information of said user device).

As to claim 10, Faris teaches at least one profile comprises a personality profile that includes at least one of authentic information and non-authentic information regarding selected personal attributes of said system user, said system user creating and locally storing said personality profile by utilizing said user device (column 22 lines

7-22, wherein contestants provide profiles that include name, address, telephone numbers, email address, ID and password).

As to claim 11, Faris teaches at least one profile comprises a character profile that includes at least one of authentic information and non-authentic information regarding selected identification characteristics of said system user, said system user creating and locally storing said character profile by utilizing said user device, said character profile including a user nickname (column 22 lines 7-22, wherein contestants provide profiles that include name, address, telephone numbers, email address, ID and password).

As to claim 12, Faris teaches a community manager of said event server supports community services related to said user community, said community services including at least one of a community database, an electronic community message service, and a real-time electronic community discussion forum, said event server associating said system user with said user community after receiving and analyzing said at least one profile from said user device, a community module of said user device then receiving said restricted access to said community services (column 18 lines 44-59, wherein primary server daemon supports query/answer database for game services and primary server daemon is read as community manager and query/answer database is read as community databases)

As to claim 13, Faris teaches that a user device creates a device profile corresponding to said user device, and wherein said system user utilizes said user device to create one or more personality profiles, said user device then storing said device profile and said one or more personality profiles into a local device memory coupled to said user device (column 22 lines 15-22).

As to claim 14, Faris teaches that system user utilizes said user device to perform a login procedure for accessing community services related to said user community on said event server, said user device transmitting said device profile to said event server during said login procedure (column 20 lines 11-27, wherein contestants utilize client machines to perform login to access to game services).

As to claim 15, Faris teaches after login procedure, said system user utilizes said user device to perform a service selection procedure for accessing a particular community service from said event server. (column 22 line 65-column 23 line 10).

As to claim 16, Faris teaches that a system user utilizes a user interface on said user device to perform a profile selection procedure for choosing and sending a selected user profile to said event server (column 42 lines 34-37, users can create and manage their own contests).

As to claim 17, Faris teaches system user utilizes said user interface on said user device to perform one of a profile creation procedure and a profile editing procedure to produce said selected user profile (column 28 lines 59-65, users utilize user interface on user devices to view and update their profiles).

As to claim 18, Faris teaches a user device sends said selected user profile to said event server, said event server connects said user device to said community services, said system user then utilizing said user device to download incoming community information related to said user community from said event server, said system user also utilizing said user device to transmit outgoing community information related to said user community to said event server (column 16 lines 27-55).

As to claim 19, Faris teaches system user utilizes a user interface on said user device to create and send a profiles request to said event server for requesting users information including multiple profiles information from other system users in said electronic network, said event server responsively servicing said profiles request and returning said users information to said user device (column 18 lines 8-18, the server inform the contestants and the profile of the wining contestant).

As to claim 20, Faris teaches system user utilizes a profile analyzer of said user device to view and analyze said users information from said event server before

performing an informed profile selection procedure for choosing and sending a selected user profile to said event server (column 19 line 23-62).

As to claim 21, Faris teaches a method for providing event content to a system user (figures 1 and 10), comprising the steps of :

managing said event content with said event server that provides a restricted access to said event content over an electronic network (figure 1 and column 14 lines 51-58 and column 15 lines 4-13, wherein Faris teaches managing a primary server which provide restricted access and primary server is read as event server); and

communicating with said event server over said electronic network with a user device that performs a wireless communications procedure (figure 1 and figure 10, column 14 lines 51-58 and column 46 lines 5-25, wherein Faris teaches a plurality of clients machines, which can be a wireless devices that performs wireless Internet accessing, are configured to communicate with the server; and a client machine is read as a user device), said user device initially providing at least one profile to said event sever, said event server responsively utilizing said at least one profile for associating said system user with a user community to thereby optimally provide said event content to said user device (column 22 lines 6-25, column 16 lines 27-37, wherein contestants provide their answers for the test to the server and contestants are evaluated and ranked according to their answers by the server, and wherein contestants ' answer is read as a profile and group of all registered contestants is read as a user community).

As to claim 22, Faris teaches an event content includes restricted information
that is related to at least one of said user community, a specified event, an event
location, and one or more participants in said specified event (column 20 lines 11-15,
wherein contestants perform login before they can access to the appropriate games),
and wherein said user device is implemented as at least one of a personal digital
assistant device, a cellular telephone device, a computer device, and a portable
wireless telecommunications device (figure 10 and column 46 lines 5-25, wherein a user
device can be implemented as a wireless).

As to claim 24, Faris teaches a user device includes a processor, a display, a
device memory, a sound module, one or more user interfaces, and input/output
interfaces, said input/output interfaces including a wireless communication interface, a
network interface, and a removable memory interface, said device memory including
application software, an operating system, device content information, user data
including said at least one profile, a login/configuration module, a download module for
updating said application software, a profile module for managing said at least one
profile, an access rights module, video streaming support services, a metadata module
for managing ancillary data related to a particular event, and a community module for
communicating with various community services on said event server, said profile
module including a profile creator for creating and editing said at least one profile, a
profile selector for choosing said at least one profile to be sent to said event server, and
a profile analyzer for accessing and analyzing multiple profiles from other system users

in said electronic network (figure 2D and figure 10, column 19 lines 24-62 and column 46 lines 5-25).

As to claim 25, Faris teaches a user device creates and locally stores user data related to said system user for sending to said event server to facilitate optimally providing said event content, said user data including said at least one profile, and at least one of event location information, and access rights (column column 22 lines 7-34).

As to claim 26, Faris teaches an event server includes a processor, a display, a server memory, one or more user interfaces, and input/output interfaces, said server memory including application software, an operating system, server content information, users information including users profiles for multiply system users of multiple user devices in said electronic network, a login/configuration manager, an upload module for updating device application software, a profile manager for managing said users profiles, an access rights manager for managing said restricted access to said event content, a video streaming manager, a metadata manager, a community manager for managing community services related to said user community, and a community database containing community information related to said user community (column 18 lines 19-67).

As to claim 27, Faris teaches at least one profile comprises a real user profile that includes authentic information related to said system user, said user device enforcing a strict security protocol to protect said real user profile, said strict security protocol including an encryption procedure to encrypt said real user profile prior to transmitting said real user profile to said event server (figure 3D, column 10 line 65- column 11 line 1, wherein data including encrypted contestant login request is sent from client machine to the server).

As to claim 28, Faris teaches at least one profile comprises a device profile that includes configuration and functionality information for said user device, said device profile being automatically maintained and updated by said user device (column 22 lines 15-22, wherein client machine is read as user device and client machines' information is read as device profile).

As to claim 30, Faris teaches at least one profile comprises a personality profile that includes at least one of authentic information and non-authentic information regarding selected personal attributes of said system user, said system user creating and locally storing said personality profile by utilizing said user device (column 22 lines 7-22, wherein contestants provide profiles that include name, address, telephone numbers, email address, ID and password).

As to claim 31, Faris teaches at least one profile comprises a character profile that includes at least one of authentic information and non-authentic information regarding selected identification characteristics of said system user, said system user creating and locally storing said character profile by utilizing said user device, said character profile including a user nickname (column 22 lines 7-22, wherein contestants provide profiles that include name, address, telephone numbers, email address, ID and password).

As to claim 32, Faris teaches a community manager of said event server supports community services related to said user community, said community services including at least one of a community database, an electronic community message service, and a real-time electronic community discussion forum, said event server associating said system user with said user community after receiving and analyzing said at least one profile from said user device, a community module of said user device then receiving said restricted access to said community services (column 18 lines 44-59, wherein primary server daemon supports query/answer database for game services and primary server daemon is read as community manager and query/answer database is read as community databases)

As to claim 33, Faris teaches a user device creates a device profile corresponding to said user device, and wherein said system user utilizes said user device to create one or more personality profiles, said user device then storing said

device profile and said one or more personality profiles into a local device memory

coupled to said user device (column 22 lines 15-22).

As to claim 34, Faris teaches a user utilizes said user device to perform a login

procedure for accessing community services related to said user community on said

event server, said user device transmitting said device profile to said event server

during said login procedure (column 20 lines 11-27, wherein contestants utilize client

machines to perform login to access to game services; and a contestant is read as user

and game services is read as a community service).

As to claim 35, Faris teaches after login procedure, said system user utilizes said

user device to perform a service selection procedure for accessing a particular

community service from said event server (column 22 line 65-column 23 line 10).

As to claim 36, Faris teaches a system user utilizes a user interface on said user

device to perform a profile selection procedure for choosing and sending a selected

user profile to said event server (column 42 lines 34-37, users can create and manage

their own contests).

As to claim 37, Faris teaches a system user utilizes said user interface on said

user device to perform one of a profile creation procedure and a profile editing

procedure to produce said selected user profile (column 28 lines 59-65).

As to claim 38, Faris teaches a user device sends said selected user profile to said event server, said event server connects said user device to said community services, said system user then utilizing said user device to download incoming community information related to said user community from said event server, said system user also utilizing said user device to transmit outgoing community information related to said user community to said event server (column 16 lines 27-55).

As to claim 39, Faris teaches a user utilizes a user interface on said user device to create and send a profiles request to said event server for requesting users information including multiple profiles information from other system users in said electronic network, said event server responsively servicing said profiles request and returning said users information to said user device (column 18 lines 8-18).

As to claim 40, Faris teaches system user utilizes a profile analyzer of said user device to view and analyze said users information from said event server before performing an informed profile selection procedure for choosing and sending a selected user profile to said event server (column 19 line 23-62).

As to claim 41, Faris teaches a profile selector of said user device maintains and updates a profile recipient list of any entities that have received said at least one profile (column 18 lines 17-18).

As to claim 42, Faris teaches a computer-readable medium comprising program instructions for providing event content to a system user by performing the steps of:

managing said event content with said event server that provides a restricted access to said event content over an electronic network (figure 1 and column 14 lines 51-58 and column 15 lines 4-13, wherein Faris teaches managing primary server which provides restricted access and primary server is read as event server); and

communicating with said event server over said electronic network with a user device that performs a wireless communications procedure (figure 1 and figure 10, column 14 lines 51-58 and column 46 lines 5-25, wherein a plurality of clients machines, which can be a wireless devices that performs wireless Internet accessing, are configured to communicate with the server; and a client machine is read as a user device), said user device initially providing at least one profile to said event sever, said event server responsively utilizing said at least one profile for associating said system user with a user community to thereby optimally provide said event content to said user device (column 22 lines 6-25, column 16 lines 27-37, wherein contestants provide their answers for the test to the server and contestants are evaluated and ranked according to their answers by the server, and wherein contestants ' answer is read as a profile and group of all registered contestants is read as a user community).

As to claim 43, Faris teaches a system for providing event content to a system user, comprising:

means for managing said event content, said means for managing providing a

restricted access to said event content over an electronic network (figure 1 and column

14 lines 51-58 and column 15 lines 4-13, wherein Faris teaches means for managing a

primary server which provides restricted access and primary server is read as event

server); and

means for communicating with said means for managing over said electronic

network by performing a wireless communications procedure (figure 1 and figure 10,

column 14 lines 51-58 and column 46 lines 5-25, wherein Faris teaches a plurality of

clients machines, which can be a wireless devices that performs wireless Internet

accessing, are configured to communicate with the server; and a client machine is read

as a user device), said means for communicating initially providing at least one profile to

said event sever, said means for managing responsively utilizing said at least one

profile for associating said system user with a user community to thereby optimally

provide said event content to said means for communicating (column 22 lines 6-25,

column 16 lines 27-37, wherein contestants ' answers are read as profiles and group of

all registered contestants is read as a user community).

As to claim 44, Faris teaches a system for providing event content to a system

user, comprising:

an event server configured to manage said event content, said event server

providing an access to said event content over an electronic network (figure 1 and

column 14 lines 51-58 and column 15 lines 4-13, wherein Faris discloses primary server

which provides restricted access and primary server is read as event server); and

a user device configured to communicate with said event server over said

electronic network by performing a wireless communications procedure (figure 1 and

figure 10, column 14 lines 51-58 and column 46 lines 5-25, wherein Faris teaches a

plurality of clients machines, which can be a wireless devices that performs wireless

Internet accessing, are configured to communicate with the server; and a client machine

is read as a user device), said user device initially providing at least one profile to said

event sever, said event server responsively utilizing said at least one profile to optimally

provide said event content to said user device (column 22 lines 6-25, column 16 lines

27-37, wherein contestants provide their answers for the test to the server and

contestants are evaluated and ranked according to their answers by the server, and

wherein contestants ' answer is read as a profile and group of all registered contestants

is read as a user community and the).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5.   The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all

obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set
> forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and
> the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the
> invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains.
> Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

6.	Claim 3 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over

Faris et al. US Patent No. 6,659,861 in view of Jacobi US Patent No. 6,584,095.

Faris teaches the invention substantially as claimed including an internet-based

system for enabling a time-constrained collaboration between participants (see

abstract).

As to claim 3, Faris teaches that an user device communicating with said event

server through at least one of a first direct path from said one or more local area

networks, an indirect path from said one or more local area networks through an

Internet network, and a second direct path from said user device directly through said

Internet network (column 16 lines, wherein the communications network could be

carried out by using a variety of different communication methods which is read as

including direct and indirect paths from one or more local area networks through an

Internet network and direct path from user device directly through the Internet network).

Faris does teach that handheld computers (column 46 lines 5-25) can be utilized

to communicate with the server in Faris' system. Faris does not explicitly teach the

limitation of "wireless base station transceivers". However, Jacobi does teach method

and system for supporting wireless communications. Jacobi teaches "wireless base

stations " are for transmitting and receiving information to and from the wireless

communication devices (column 1 lines 13-26).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Faris by

including wireless base stations as taught by Jacobi since doing so allows wider

distribution of wireless communication networks.

As to claim 23, Faris teaches that an user device communicating with said event

server through at least one of a first direct path from said one or more local area

networks, an indirect path from said one or more local area networks through an

Internet network, and a second direct path from said user device directly through said

Internet network (column 16 lines, wherein the communications network could be

carried out by using a variety of different communication methods which is read as

including direct and indirect paths from one or more local area networks through an

Internet network and direct path from user device directly through the Internet network).

Faris does teach that handheld computers (column 46 lines 5-25) can be utilized

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and system for supporting wireless communications. Jacobi teaches "wireless base

stations " are for transmitting and receiving information to and from the wireless

communication devices (column 1 lines 13-26).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Faris by

including wireless base stations as taught by Jacobi since doing so allows wider

distribution of wireless communication networks.

7.   Claim 9 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over

Faris et al. US Patent No. 6,659,861 in view of Tate et al. US Patent No. 6,493,751.

Faris teaches the invention substantially as claimed including an internet-based system for enabling a time-constrained collaboration between participants (see abstract).

As to claim 9, Faris teaches the system of claim 1 as above. Faris does teach profiles. Faris does not explicitly teach the limitation "network profile". However, Tate teaches a method and system capable of storing a network configuration in a file that is independently transferable from one computer to another. Tate does teach "network profile" (column 4 lines 1 to 11).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Faris by including the Tate et al. teaching of transferring network configuration files of network used by system users from user device to the server, since doing so allows economize on reconfiguration processes.

As to claim 29, Faris teaches the method of claim 21 as above. Faris does teach profiles. Faris does not explicitly teach the limitation "network profile". However, Tate teaches a method and system capable of storing a network configuration in a file that is independently transferable from one computer to another. Tate does teach "network profile" (column 4 lines 1 to 11).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Faris by including the Tate et al. teaching of transferring network configuration files of network used by system users from user device to the server, since doing so allows economize on reconfiguration processes.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Amy Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-4243. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM to 5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's Supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached at (571) 272-4001. The fax number is (703) 305-3719.

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